

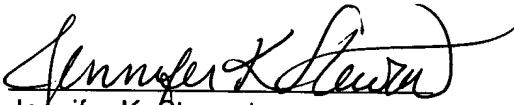
REMARKS

In response to the Final Office Action mailed 16 November 2005, Applicant amends independent claims 7, 15, 21, 32, 43, and 53 to include the limitations of allowable claims 9, 17, 22, 34, 44, and 54, respectively. In addition, Applicant amends independent claim 1 to include the limitations of claim 2 and allowable claim 3, and amends independent claim 24 to include the limitations of claim 25 and allowable claim 26. Applicant also cancels claims 2, 3, 9, 17, 22, 25, 26, 34, 44, and 54. Lastly, Applicant amends claims 4, 10, 23, 27, 35, and 55 to correct the claim dependencies, and amends claims 20 and 21 to address the Examiner's objections. No new matter is added.

In light of the enclosed amendments, Applicant submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. As such, Applicant requests that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections, and issue a Notice of Allowance. Should any issues remain, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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